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A critical stage has been reached by the live stock industry and it is up to everybody to do his "bit." A Richmond is in the field in the person of Uncle Sam, now the world's largest meat purchaser. The nation's meat requirements have never been as great and as the war progresses this demand will be augmented. After the war the world's herds and flocks will be depleted, insuring the American producer high prices for a number of years to come. Now is the time to prepare.

The Live Stock Reporter mentions as follows concerning this live farmer of near Laddonia: Wm. G. Bailey, well known farmer and stockman of Audrain Co., Mo., sent in a double deck of western lambs of his own feeding which sold at top of the market. The shipment was 278 head, at average 78 lbs. and the price obtained was \$16.75. A good lot of lambs, showing they had been cared for by an expert in preparing lambs for the market.

A bill is to be offered in Congress to give every returning soldier from the war a farm, if he wants one. Something like 500,000,000 acres of land now idle will thus be distributed. We second the measure heartily. Commandeer those big tracts of land known to be held for speculation and profiteering. By-the-way, there will be something doing along many lines to right glaring wrongs at home after this war is over.

Judge Alex Carter of the Audrain County Court attended the good roads meeting at Chanute, Kansas, last week. He came home enthused for good roads. He learned that a fellow cannot be elected to office in the Sunflower State unless before the election he puts himself on record for good permanent roads. Kansas is building that kind of roads, too. Missouri will have to come to it also, or remain in the mud—when there is mud.

The Germans have executed another strategic retreat, and seem to feel very much elated over it. A strate-

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gic retreat is where you grab the other fellow around the neck, pull him down on top of you, thrust your eyes into his fist and fasten your nose between his teeth.

If you were caught by the draft and were exempted, whether by the local board or the district board, your exemption is now revoked and you are subject to the next call, which is to follow soon.

The fact that congress has placed a war tax of 10 per cent on the price of Pullman tickets will not be looked upon as a hardship. The average passenger is used to paying some to the porters as collectors.

Thirteen persons last Saturday afternoon came in and renewed for The Message a year and two years in advance. This paper is proud of its many friends.

John Yost of Laddonia, a most popular and worthy young man, has accepted the position as third trick operator with the C. & A. at Rush Hill.

The Santa Fe Progress is threatening to suspend publication.

LIKES THE MESSAGE.

Mrs. Effie Hickman, formerly of Mexico and Audrain county, now of Valley Junction, Iowa, in remittance for renewal of her Message subscription under recent date adds:

"We are having some cloudy, damp weather here in the Valley now, for the last few days. But before this, just ideal weather nearly all fall. We are all well at this writing. We can't do without the Message. It's always a real message from home."

TIN WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Beckman of near Rush Hill were very pleasantly surprised Wednesday eve, Nov. 14, when five automobile loads of relatives and friends numbering about 25 came in on them with well filled baskets of all kinds of good things to eat to celebrate their tenth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Beckman received many useful presents. All enjoyed the evening and left wishing Mr. and Mrs. Beckman many more happy returns of the day.

ONE OF THEM.

"THAT GOOD PAPER."

Creston, Mont., Nov. 12, 1917.

Dear Mr. Beal: Being on a visit to a friend of mine, I saw that good paper, The Mexico Message, a paper from my old home, and on noticing your offer by sending now I could get the paper one year for one dollar I decided to sign for it, so please send it to me at Creston, Mont., and oblige.

JAMES I. DYE.

A friend this week handed us \$10.00 to renew for five subscriptions to The Message. A friend like that is a friend indeed.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dobyns are home from a visit to Roscoe Dobyns who is in training at Camp Funston.

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VISITED CAMP FUNSTON.

R. H. Nichols, Wm. Heizer and C. C. Bybee "Saw All The Audrain Boys"—"Doing Fine."

R. H. Nichols, Wm. Heizer and Claude Bybee, all of near Molino, as The Message stated last week, made a visit in their auto to Camp Funston. They went to see the Audrain county soldier boys. Visited with the soldiers from five in the afternoon Saturday till seven o'clock Sunday evening following.

Among the boys visited were Clarence Nichols, Ed. Blase, Thomas Cauthorn, Virgil Stuart and Louis Cauthorn.

Enjoyed mess with the soldiers—and the visitors' plates were filled first.

Saturday night the visitors were allowed to have Clarence Nichols and Virgil Stuart accompany them in their auto to Manhattan, 14 miles distant, where all bunked together at the same hotel.

All the Audrain boys are looking fine. Have gained in weight and physical strength. They were rejoiced to see the friends from home and to hear from all "the folks back yonder."

Mr. Nichols tells The Message that the visit to Funston was one of great satisfaction to him. He would not take one hundred dollars for the satisfaction it gave him—the nice way in which Uncle Sam is treating the soldiers.

The soldiers all speak in the highest terms of the work of the Y. M. C. A. That organization's ministrations and helpfulness among the men, added to the aid of the Government, is little short of indispensable.

Mr. Bybee, referred to above, was at the mass meeting at the Christian Church in Mexico Sunday afternoon and in a short address described Y. M. C. A. conditions at Camp Funston. He was enabled after he came home to help with enthusiasm boost for the Y. M. C. A. fund subscribed in his home neighborhood.

INCREASED BUSINESS

INTERESTS FOR MEXICO.

At the banquet at the Christian Church Tuesday evening the subject of the enlargement of the Shoe Factory interests was enthusiastically discussed. A proposition from the International Shoe Company to double the capacity of the Mexico factory was made known. They promise to do this if the community will raise \$7,000. A large part of this sum was subscribed, or \$3,520.

You can renew for The Mexico Message at the rate of \$1.00 a year till Dec. 1, 1917. After that date the paper will be \$1.50 per year, cash in advance.

J. V. Baker of Laddonia was in Mexico Monday. Earl, his son, has just taken a fine position as telegrapher in Kirksville.

Missouri Military Academy played a great foot ball game here Monday against the Wentworth team. The score was 20 to 13 in favor of the local cadets. A large crowd attended. It is said to have been the best game ever played in Mexico.

Many Farmers are getting short on water for stock. A heavy downpour of rain is needed to fill ponds and creeks.

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MAN FOUND DEAD.

Seemingly Killed By The Cars, But Just How It Happened Is Not Now Understood.

Dr. R. W. Berrey of Mexico, County Coroner, was called to Laddonia yesterday morning to investigate the death of a stranger found by the side of the railroad track about two and a half miles west of Laddonia. The body was cut in two across the chest and the head was badly bruised and skull broken in places, but otherwise the body was not injured. The man's hat was lying near without a crumple.

The Coroners Jury was unable to understand just how the man came to his death—whether he fell from the train or the body happened where it was by other means.

Papers were found at the side of the railroad track in Laddonia showing who the man was—how did they get there?

The body was that of Ernest T. Palmer of Chicago. His mother and sister are living near Laddonia. One of his papers showed that he has two children in California. His Laddonia relatives did not know that he was passing thru on the train.

TWO WAYS OF USING

THE METRONOME.

By Abbie Llewellyn Snoddy. (The following is taken from the Etude, a musical magazine, and is written by Mrs. Abbie Snoddy, Mexico's popular music teacher.)

"Keep time, keep time," exclaimed the teacher irritably. "No, no, that isn't right; you must practice with the metronome. Now—one, two, three."

"I can't, I just can't," cried Lily unhappily. "Of course you can," retorted her teacher sharply. "Now, slowly, so." The teacher counted and thumped on her end of the piano and the metronome click-clacked, monotonously, until the lesson ended, much to the relief of a nervous teacher and a tearful little girl, who ever after vowed that she "just hated that old metronome."

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"Tired of counting aloud, Philip?" echoed teacher cheerfully. "Well, I have something here which will do your counting for you. Won't that be fine? They call it a metronome, but today we will play it as a drummer boy, who is beating time for you. Now, let us suppose that the notes are soldiers. See, in this line you have four quarter notes in a measure, so we will say the soldiers are marching four abreast. Ready, forward, march! One, two, three, four; one, two, three, four,—take care, one of the soldiers stumbled and fell out of place that time. One, two, three, four; one, two, three, four—there, that was fine; every soldier arched in perfect time as good soldiers should. Yes, indeed, you may play with the drummer boy again, at our next lesson, if you will promise to have your soldiers well trained when you come."

Philip goes off with shining face, eager for his next lesson.

Which is the better way?

PRAIRIE LEA LETTER.

J. Hord Davis visited his old neighborhood and his daughter, Mrs. Frank Skelly, before leaving for his home in Texas.

Bernard Pierce missed school Thursday and Friday on account of sickness.

M. T. Pierce has a new manure spreader.

Mr. Kircher of Highland, Ill., visited his brother, Louis Kircher, last week. Sunday the family spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Snook.

Royers Hayes spent the week-end with homefolks.

Mr. Cardwell visited at the Sheup home over Sunday.

Edgar Stuart and family spent Sunday at the Claud Thomas home.

Miss Gussie Schwartz of St. Louis is here the guest of her sister, Miss Mary Schwartz, on East Monroe. Miss Gussie recently passed the Gov't test in stenography and is likely at any time to be called service.

THANKSGIVING!

WORKERS find that labor is in great demand.

BUSINESS MEN look forward with confidence in war, peace or reconstruction.

OUR SOLDIERS preparing to fight for liberty anticipate the triumph of right.

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SOLDIER DEAD.

The Message is informed that a young Mr. Grudena, soldier of Paris, Monroe County, died this week at Camp Funston of spinal meningitis. Harold Guthrie, of Strother, is also very ill of the disease in the same camp.

The Wednesday Club is praying as diligent in devotion to knitting as they previously were in the study of art and literature. Several sweaters on the way to completion and contributions to the yarn fund coming in.

The City Council is considering the proposition to buy a motor fire truck. Well, yes, we are guessing the truck would always get to a fire right away quick, and then when there was nothing doing it wouldn't be eating any high priced feed.

Dick Thomas says he wants it to rain. Plenty of water for stock but wells are going dry.

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MR. BLACK DEAD.

Theodore Black of near died last week after an extended illness. The funeral was held at Wesley Chapel Church near Worcester.

Mr. Black was a good man and a fine citizen. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved wife and other relatives.

Prof. J. W. Million of Hardin College always gets what he goes after. As campaign manager of the county for the Y. M. C. A. fund he more than won; the quota for Audrain will be over-subscribed, at least it appears that way now. Million worked night and day for that end. Million is the livest wires we know.

The first quarterly conference of the Mexico Circuit will be held at Rev. C. C. Grimes' study December 1st. Saturday at 2:30 p. m., Rev. A. C. Johnson in the chair. Rev. Johnson will preach at Bethel Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, Dec. 2nd.

J. L. Nickerson, Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McGee of Chanute, Kna., are visiting Audrain relatives and friends. They came just at this time to be at the bedside of Mr. McGee's father, J. C. McGee of Mexico, who is afflicted with pneumonia. The elder McGee is 78 years.

Mrs. J. A. Pierce of this city has been on the sick list for some time.